

## Community Assessment Program Area 37 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on November 12, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is triangular in shape bounded on the northeast by the railroad tracks, on the west by Hall Boulevard, and on the south by Bonita Road.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

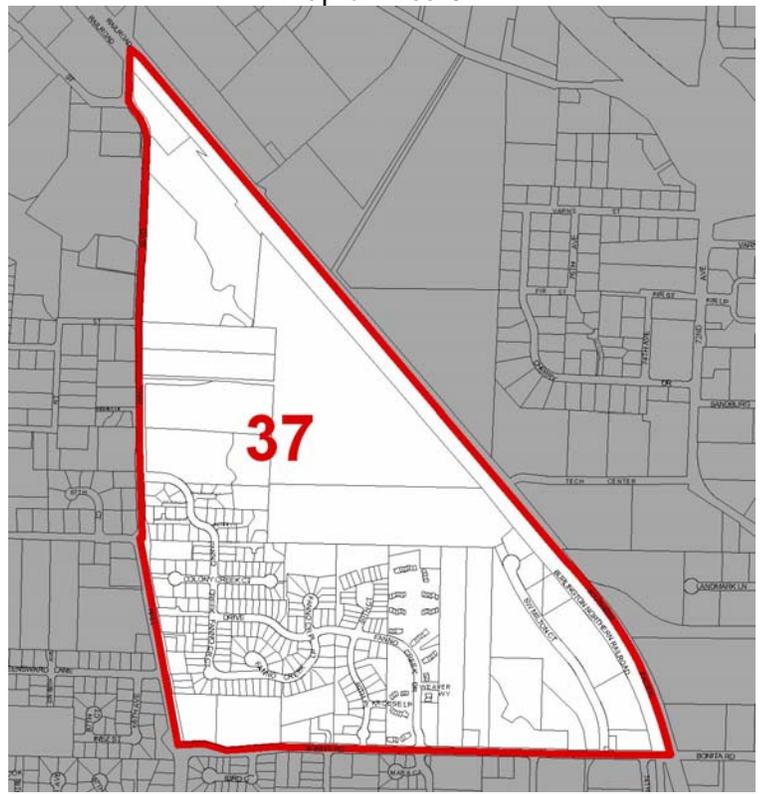
**Vegetation blocking sidewalks** – In several locations residents have allowed their shrubs, weeds and other vegetation to grow onto the sidewalk. All vegetation should be clear of sidewalks. If your bushes or weeds have experienced a recent growth spurt please trim them back away from the sidewalk. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us). You may also find information on the City's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us).

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

Photo of area 37



Map of Area 37



**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or in the street which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Catch basins without bike straps** – Some of our older catch basins have grates with slots wide enough for a bike tire to fall if you're not careful. The PW Department needs your help to identify these older catch basins so that we can weld a flat metal bar across the grate to eliminate this hazard. (New style catch basin grates have been designed to eliminate this hazard.) If you notice a catch basin grate that needs a bike strap or for questions please contact Eric hand at 503-639-4171 ext.2607, or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Traffic speeding** – We observed an area where traffic was speeding and using a route as a cut through. Our Engineering Department has been asked to review this area to determine if additional speed bumps are warranted. If you have questions or concerns about traffic speeds in your neighborhood, contact Mike Mills in the Engineering Department at 639-4171 ext.2472.

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.